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SUBJ: POPULATION COMMISSION - SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

1. SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, MARCH 19-30 OF OPULATION COMMISSION (POPCOM), SELECTED DR. VIRGINIA- VIORIEA RUSS OF ROMANIA AS CHAIRMAN. U. S. SECONDED. U. S. TABLED REVISED AND EXPANDED AGENDA WHICH ACCEPTED BY COMMISSION WITH SWEDISH AND UK SUPPORT.

2. WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE (WPC) SECRETARY GENERAL (SYG) CARRILLO FLORES' OPENING STATEMENT INDICATED HE IS MOVING TOWARD A MORE ACTION- ORIENTED WPC. REMARKS BY POPULATION DIVISION CHIEF LEON TABAH SUGGEST HIS OWN ORIENTATION IS DEMOGRAPHIC, PHILOSOPHIC, AND " SCIENTIFIC." THIS SPECIAL SESSION IS FIRST TIME EITHER CARRILLO FLORES OR TABAH HAVE ATTENDED POPULATION COMMISSION AND THEY ARE RECEIVING A BAPTISM OF FIRE FROM THE DELEGATES' QUESTIONS AND IRRITATION OVER SLOWNESS OF PREPARATION FOR WPC. CARRILLO FLORES APPARS RECEPTIVE TO THE MESSAGE AND TIME WILL TELL ABOUT TABAH. FLORES' SPEECH BEING POUCHED.

3. SITE OF WPC UPPERMOST IN COMMISSION' S MIND. EUROPEAN AND U. S. DELEGATIONS INSISTED SYG SUBMIT HIS RECOMMENDA- UNCLASSIFIED

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TION ON SITE TO ECOSOC AT SPRING SESSION FOR DECISION. CARRILLO FLORES ATTEMPTING DISPATCH DIRECTOR OF

SECRETARIAT TOWNLEY WITH TEAM OF TECHNICAL SERVICES EXPERTS TO EVALUATE SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA AS POSSIBLE SITE FOR WPC. COSTA RICAN DELEGATE MADE COURTEOUS AND SINCERE REITERATION OF OFFER TO HOST WPC. DELEGATE STATED COSTA RICA WAS DEMOCRACY WHICH CHERISHED FREEDOM, WAS NOTED FOR THE PEACEFUL CHARACTER OF ITS PEOPLE, AND HAD A POPULATION POLICY WHICH INCLUDED FAMILY PLANNING. HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD WORK TO RESOLVE ANY LACKING TECHNICAL SERVICES. INDONESIA SUGGESTED AN INCREASED BUDGET FOR WPC IF IT HELD IN DEVELOPING COUNTRY. OTHER DELEGATIONS CITED REQUIREMENT FOR HOST COUNTRY PAY FOR COSTS ABOVE THOSE GENEVA COMMISSION WILL DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER BEFORE END SESSION.

4. VARYING COSTS OF CONFERENCE SITES AND BUDGET FOR WPC POSTPONED UNTIL SECRETARIAT COMPLETES PAPERS THESE SUBJECTS.

5. TWO MEETINGS OF SESSION DEVOTED TO SYMPOSIA WITH USEFUL EXCHANGES BETWEEN DELEGATES AND SECRETARIAT. CARRILLO FLORES GAINED APPROVAL TO KEEP SITUATION FLEXIBLE, I. E. FORMAT COULD DIFFER FOR SYMPOSIA; HE PLANS TO REASSESS AFTER POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM IN CAIRO IN JUNE. CARRILLO FLORES MOST RECEPTIVE TO DELEGATES' VIEW THAT TECHNICAL PAPERS AND CONCEPTS FOR SYMPOSIA BE TRANSFORMED AND SUMMARIZED TO MEET POLITICAL NATURE OF WPC. HE IS MORE SENSITIVE THAN TABAH TO THIS NEED, BUT TABAH APPEARS TO BE A FAST LEARNER, NEVERTHELESS. HE HAS EXPRESSED CSOME CONCERN PRIVATELY THAT MANY GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY APPRAISED AT A HIGH ENOUGH LEVEL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL POLITICAL AND POLICY MAKING NATURE OF THE WPC.

5. PROPOSED FLOW OF DOCUMENTATION OF CONFERENCE AND PROCEEDING SYMPOSIA CONTINUES PLAGUE COMMISSION MEETINGS. AT US REQUEST CHAIRMAN HAS APPOINTED SEVEN- NATION (US, UK, SWEDEN, PHILIPPINES, EGHPT, BRAZIL AND USSR) SUB-COMMITTEE TO REVIEW FLOW OF DOCUMENTATION WITH SECRETA- RIAT AND REPORT TO COMMISSION THEIR FINDINGS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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RECOMMENDATIONS.

6. TONE OF SECOND SESSION THIS FAR IS ONE OF INTEREST, CONCERN, AND AWARENESS OF IMPORTANCE OF PREPARATORY SESSIONS. EXCEPT FOR BRAZIL AND THE PHILIPPINES FEW LDC' S DELEGATIONS SPEAKING, BUT THEIR RETICENCE DOES NOT APPEAR TO CONCEAL ANY HOSTILITY TOWARD WPC. USSR, UKRAINE AND ROMANIA HAVE BEEN COOPERATIVE. AS CONSEQUENCE, BRAZIL HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY ISOLATED EVEN

WHEN ITS DELEGATE HAS EXPLICITLY CALLED SUPPORT FROM
THIRD WORLD MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. BRAZIL IS REPRESENTED
BY ITS ALTERNATE DELEGATE M. S. DA FONSECA COSTA COUTO
(FIRST SECY, PERMANENT MISSION) WHO IS NEWCOMER TO
POPULATION COMMISSION AND REFLECTS BRAZIL' S WIDELY
KNOWN VIEWS ON POPULATION WITH MORE BITE THAN DID HIS
PREDECESSOR, A DEMOGRAPHER. COSTA COUTO INDICATED HE
IS ONLY A ONE TERMER AS BRAZIL HAS ALREADY APPOINTED
AMBASSADOR DE ALMEIDA OF ITS PERMANENT MISSION (PRESENTLY
ABSENT IN BRAZIL) AS ITS DELEGATE TO THE POPULATION
COMMISSION.
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